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July 23, 2010

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E. Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001 ENTERED Office of Proceedings

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Re: CSXT Transportation, Inc – Abandonment Exemption – Fayette and Greenbrier Counties, West Virginia – AB-55 Sub-No. 682X

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

On behalf of the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissioners, we are writing to request an additional 180 day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation. This needed extension is regarding the Notice of Interim Tail Use in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 16.7 mile line of railroad on the CSXT's Southern Region, Huntington – East Division, Sewell Subdivision, between milepost CAF 27, near Rainelle and milepost CAF 43.7, near Nallen in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia.

The current time frame for negotiating an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking expires on August 19, 2010.

CSXT and the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commission have yet to conclude a final agreement regarding the NITU, but are desirous to continue negotiations on the matter. While the county commission and CSX Transportation have agreed to a purchase agreement, the conclusion of the purchase is dependent upon completion of an Environmental Study. Funds for the study and the purchase of the property are being made available through an ARRA Grant awarded through the West Virginia Division of Transportation, Division of Highways, Recreation Trail program. Once the Division of Highways completes this environmental assessment, we will continue with the purchase of the property. We anticipate this study being completed, and our readiness to conclude the purchase of the property within the next 180 days.

On behalf of both the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissions, we respectfully request an extension of 180 days for continued negotiations to finalize the purchase agreement with CSXT.

In addition, the Counties respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49CFR 1002 2(e) (1).

By the signature below, we certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc., 301 W. Bay Street, J-915, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Hylton, Meadow River Rails to Trails Coordinator

Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Cc:

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Greenbrier County Commission
Fayette County Commission
Nick J. Rahall, II, Congressman

Peggy Pings, NPS-RTCA, Morgantown, WV

Meadow River Rail to Trail Leadership Team